

# MORNING APPEAL

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1879

## DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT RENO.

About 6 o'clock on Sunday morning a fire broke out near the Railroad Hotel, Reno, and in a very short time nearly the entire business portion of the city was in ashes, and among those ashes were the remains of five, and possibly six, persons who had perished in the flames. The fire limits may be roughly described as bounded on the north by Fourth street, on the east by the town limits, on the south by Second street, and on the west by Sierra street. The whole of Commercial Row east of Hagerman & Schooling's store was destroyed, except Becker's stone saloon. The Depot Hotel (Chamberlain's), the Pollard House, all the Railroad and Telegraph buildings, a train of laden freight cars, and some passenger and sleeping cars belonging to the Central Pacific Railroad Company, and all the principal business establishments were destroyed. We are indebted to the *Chronicle's* very full and interesting report for the following losses:

It is impossible at this time to estimate the total losses. Manning & Duck's losses are estimated at between \$30,000 and \$100,000; no insurance. Manning had on Saturday purchased the interest of William Duck, deceased, from the administrators of the estate. Osburn & Shumaker, dealers in oils, drugs and medicines, \$12,000; insured for \$5,000. Barrett Bros., clothing, merchandise and dry goods, \$40,000. W. R. Chamberlain, Depot Hotel, \$20,000. E. Chielovich, wine house, \$20,000. Hill & Oates, \$10,000. S. M. Jamison, Postmaster, stationery, etc., \$10,000. The Farmers' Store, \$25,000. Daniel McFarland, Arcade Hotel, \$15,000. C. P. R. R. Company, from \$15,000 to \$25,000. V. and T. R. R., \$12,000. John Sunderland, boots and shoes, \$20,000. Pollard House, \$10,000. Judge Marshall's residence and store, \$15,000. Gray & Isaacs, fancy goods and carpeting, \$30,000. Abrams Bros., clothing, \$20,000. Mark Barrett, \$10,000. J. Prescott, dry goods, \$10,000. Charles Becker, \$6,000. S. Jacobs & Co., \$5,000. A. Raphael, \$5,000. E. Meyers, \$5,000. Roberts Bros., \$7,000. Charles Chase, \$6,000. Charles Knust, \$6,000. Hammond & Wilson, livery stable, \$6,000. I. Fredericks, \$7,000. International Hotel, \$7,000. Mrs. Simpson, \$7,000. Jeff. Brookins, \$5,000. Morris Ash, \$5,000. Winchell & Cunningham, \$5,000. G. W. Cunningham, \$4,000. Crews & Hedger, \$7,000. The total losses will foot up \$1,000,000. As the morning train went up past Norcross' ranch, five miles from town, a spark from the engine ignited a hayrick and two stacks, with cattle pens and mangers, which were destroyed in fifteen minutes.

### THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.

The origin of the fire is variously stated. One story is that it was caused by that prolific incendiary "a defective stove pipe." Another account has it that it was first discovered in a wood pile across the alley in rear of the Railroad House—a hotel kept by Patrick Hogan on Commercial Row. This Railroad House was the first considerable building to be burned. It communicated the flames to the adjacent buildings. The wind was blowing a hurricane at the time and human effort was unavailing to stop the flames.

### THE DEAD.

Mrs. John Beck, an old German woman, known to all old Carsonites, was suffocated and burned to death in her house. The stories vary. One account is that she died in her cellar while trying to secure buried treasure. Another is that she was stifled by smoke when in the building and that her charred remains fell into the cellar.

Three unknown bodies were found in the ruins of Boyd's barn. The persons thus suffering death are supposed to have been tramps. At all events here were three men whose fate will forever be a mystery to those who loved and cared for them.

The body of a man believed to be the clerk or bookkeeper at the flouring mills was found in the street. He was evidently overpowered by the smoke and heat while trying to stem the storm of wind and smoke and stifling hot air.

### RELIEF.

Virginia City is alive to the need of relief. Already have several car-loads of provisions been sent, and many citizens are stirring to secure contributions of money. Yesterday, with admirable promptitude, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed a bill appropriating \$10,000 for the relief of the sufferers. What will Carson do?

### THE SUM TOTAL OF LOSS.

Is stated at \$1,000,000. This is a dreadful blow to Reno, but the courage of its people, as we believe, equal to the emergency.

### ALWAYS AHEAD.

Instead of waiting for the turn of the season before getting new goods, we take pleasure in informing our patrons that we have just received a Complete New Stock of Dress Goods and exquisite Fancy Goods which we offer at such remarkably low prices that they would induce the most stingy father and husband to dive down for his bottom dollar.

We have received a consignment of One Hundred Clock with positive instructions to close them out at any price, and we will do it. MRS. J. SNEYER & CO. Carson, January 22, 1879. m

## NEVADA LEGISLATURE—NINTH SESSION.

Senate—Fifty-seventh Day.

CARSON CITY, March 3, 1879.

The Senate convened at 10:30 o'clock with the President in the Chair. Quorum present. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hammond.

### RELIEF FOR RENO.

Cassidy, by leave, introduced a bill out of order, providing for the appropriation of \$10,000 for the immediate relief of the sufferers from the fire at Reno on the 2nd inst., and making the Governor custodian of the fund.

Under suspension of rules the bill was read a third time.

Comins moved to amend by making the amount \$5,000. Seconded by Creswell. Messrs. Cassidy, Stewart and Farrell opposed the amendment, as did also Mr. Stone, who stated that Virginia City sent down last evening \$3,000 worth of produce and \$100 in coin.

Doolin spoke earnestly against reducing the sum.

Powning spoke very feelingly of the many homeless and destitute by this direful calamity. Shepherd moved to amend by making the amount \$15,000.

Creswell said that since his first thought upon the subject he felt convinced that so much suffering existed that he would second the last amendment.

King called attention to the fact that no amendment to raise the amount was in order. The bill then passed by unanimous vote.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

By Schultz, from Committee on Claims, favorably on claim of F. H. Harmon; also for relief of Kimball and Swallow; also for relief of H. Knight; also for relief of G. I. Lammon.

By Shepherd, from Committee on Public Lands, without recommendation, Assembly bill 95, relative to artisan wells; also same on Senate bill 149, to provide for corporations desiring homesteads.

By Comins, from Committee on Ways and Means, without recommendation the bill to regulate weights and measures; also favorably Senate bill 147, to amend the Revenue law.

By Meder, from Committee on Enrollment, several bills as correctly enrolled and deposited.

By Powning, from Committee on State Affairs, unfavorably on Senate bill 164; also without recommendation Senate bill 154.

By Wheeler, from Committee on Public Morals, favorably on Senate bill 142.

By Stone, from Committee on Elections, favorably on Assembly bill 29.

By Gibson, from Storey Delegation, favorably on Senate bill 165, to amend the charter of Gold Hill.

By Schultz from same committee, favorably on Senate bill 163, to amend the charter of Virginia City.

By Boardman, from Judiciary Committee, without recommendation, Senate bill 134, relative to adding statutes of 1865, '76 and '79 to the compiled laws.

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Announcing his approval of Senate bill 70, amending the Act to protect the rights of owners of stock in mines; also Senate bill 89, amending the Act relative to the Governor's Private Secretary.

### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Cassidy—For relief J. M. Benton \$8 for team for use of committee to State Prison. Adopted.

By Schultz—For relief of Geo. I. Lammon \$223 35 for copying. Adopted.

By Comins—That all bills reported on by Committee on Claims be referred to Committee of the Whole. Adopted.

Cassidy moved to reconsider Senate bill 38, the fee bill. Carried.

King moved to refer the bill relative to the purchase of the Warm Springs to Committee of the Whole. Adopted.

By Boardman, by request—That the Controller draw his warrant in favor of Louis Duncan for \$150 for services as porter of committee-rooms. Referred to Committee on Claims.

### MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

Transmitting several bills upon which action has been taken in that body and reported.

### BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Creswell, without notice—To amend the Act to regulate the salaries of county auditors. [Provides for raising salary to \$100 per month in counties where it is now less.] Under suspension of rules bill passed—yeas, 18; noes, 4.

Message from the Assembly taken up out of order transmitting the Senate bill relative to the relief of Reno fire sufferers as passed in that House.

By Stone—To amend the Revenue Act. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Westerfield—To provide for meteorological reports at Carson City. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

By Meder—To authorize the purchase of land and building of court-house in Ormsby County, and repairing of the present court-house. Referred to Ormsby Delegation.

By Meder—To provide for the free passage of Chinese to Philadelphia, Boston and other Eastern cities, and appropriates \$100,000 for that purpose. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

By Cassidy—Concerning railroad corporations. [Provides for legalizing proxies.] Under suspension of rules passed—yeas, 18; noes, 3.

Recessed for one hour.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reconvened at 2:30 p. m., the President in the Chair.

### BILLS INTRODUCED.

Substitute for Assembly bill 14—Supplemental to the Act concerning the Orphans' Home. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Assembly bill 85—To authorize the Nevada Building Association to provide means for construction of an Insane Asylum. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Assembly bill 118—To amend the Act concerning crimes and punishments. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Assembly Joint Resolution, praying Congress to pass a law restricting Chinese Immigration to the United States. Referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

### GENERAL FILE.

Assembly bill 78, providing for the government of the State's Prison. Laid on the table.

Wernuth's Assembly bill 90, to amend the Revenue Act. Passed. Yeas 14, noes 6.

Mr. Cassidy gave notice of reconsideration. Smith's (of Eureka) Assembly bill 73, relative to burial of the dead in incorporated cities. Passed. Yeas 20, noes 2.

Assembly bill 38, to amend the Act regulating civil practice. [To exempt printing material. Laid on the table.]

Allen's (of Lincoln) Assembly bill 25, to amend the Gambling Act. [Reduces the license one half, and facilitates the establishment of small places for such purposes.] Passed. Yeas 17, noes 6.

Comins' Senate bill 123, to segregate a part of Nye and annex it to White Pine County. After much discussion upon this much vexed question the bill was passed. Yeas 15, noes 8.

Mr. Creswell gave notice of reconsideration.

Mr. Cassidy, by leave, reported from the Printing Committee favorably on Senate bill No. 50.

Farrell's Senate bill To detach a portion of White Pine county and annex it to Lander. Refused engrossment. Yeas 3, noes 14.

Mr. Farrell gave notice of reconsideration.

Boardman's Senate bill 137 to prevent the perversion of water from irrigating ditches. Placed on file.

Kaiser's Senate bill 117, to amend the Act relative to registration of voters. Ordered engrossed.

Boardman's Senate bill 127, to amend the Act relative to public highways. Passed. Yeas 14, noes 9.

Boardman's Senate bill 144, to regulate fares and freights on railroads.

Mr. Comins moved to lay on the table, but withdrew on request of Senators Boardman and Farrell.

Mr. Boardman then explained at length and in a most earnest and convincing manner the merits of this bill, and asked for its engrossment, and that all Senators should figure upon the provisions and see if they be not fair to the railroad and in some measure relief for the people. He was willing to give way in many particulars, and asked that others do the same to the end that some legislation may be had in answer to the demand of the people who sent representatives here to obtain justice for their wrongs.

Mr. Comins, as usual spoke against any railroad legislation.

Mr. Creswell believed that the Woodburn bill was a good one as it originally stood, and would have liked to vote for it, and favored the present one as a substitute.

Mr. Stewart hoped it might go to engrossment as the only hope for doing any good in this direction.

Mr. Cassidy expressed it as his belief that all railroads in this State were making too much money—more in proportion than in any other business, and the people's rights should be maintained, and he stood ready to stand by their rights. [Applause.]

Mr. Westerfield thought that the bill would not reduce freights to the consumer, but to the middle man.

Mr. Creswell thought it was better to give the benefit to the middle men than to the railroad men.

Mr. Farrell opposed the bill on the ground that it would stop the building of railroads in this State.

Yeas and noes called on engrossment with the following result: Yeas.—Messrs. Boardman, Cassidy, Creswell, Gibson, Kaiser, McConnell, Powning, Schultz, Shepherd, Stewart, Wheeler, Westerfield. Total 12.

Noes.—Messrs. Comins, Dayton, Doolin, Farrell, Gallagher, Haines, King, Martin, Meder, Perley, Stone, Thompson. Total 12. The Chair voted in the affirmative. [Applause.]

Recessed till 7 o'clock.

### EVENING SESSION.

Convened at 7 p. m., President in the chair. Mr. Westerfield moved to now consider Senate bill 75. Carried.

Bill then taken up (providing for the establishment of an asylum for the indigent of the State), considered engrossed and placed on file.

Haines moved to take up Senate bill 37 from the table. Carried; and bill referred to Committee of the Whole.

Schnitz reported, out of order, from Committee on Claims unfavorably on Senate bill 139, for relief of W. H. Sweeney.

Doolin, from Committee on Mines and Mining, reported, out of order, without recom-

mendation Senate bill 160, to protect owners of stock shares in mines.

Senate bill 87—To provide for care of insane, indefinitely postponed.

Smith's (of Eureka) Assembly bill 111—To regulate the sale of opium. Passed unanimously.

Stewart's Senate bill 140—To repeal section 3 of Act relative to mines and mining. Passed—yeas, 22; noes, 2.

Dayton's Senate bill 43—To amend the Public School Act. Laid on the table for one day.

Blair's Senate Concurrent Resolution—Thanking Senator Blaine for his action upon the Chinese bill. Amended in the Assembly to strike out the name of Wendell Phillips and insert the name of William Lloyd Garrison. Amendment concurred in.

Gibson's Senate bill 148—To amend the Civil Practice Act. Indefinitely postponed.

King's Senate bill 156—To authorize the payment of salaries of officers fixed by law, before the passage of an appropriation bill. Under suspension of rules bill was put upon its final passage and passed—yeas, 16; noes, 8.

Meder's Senate bill 136—To prohibit gambling. Laid on the table.

Farrell's Senate bill 20—To amend the revenue law. [To exempt church property to the amount of \$3,000 and widows to \$1,000.] Farrell moved to make the sum for exemption \$5,000. Carried.

Bill passed—yeas, 23; noes, 1.

Martin gave notice of a motion to reconsider.

Meder's Senate bill 26—To amend the registration law and prevent frauds at elections. Laid on the table.

Haines' Senate Joint Resolution—Asking the removal of Indians from the Walker River Reservation to the Pyramid Lake Reservation. Passed.

Stewart's Senate bill 151, to amend the Public School Act. Laid on the table.

Farrell's Senate bill 158, to provide for the support of the Orphans' Home in Virginia City. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

Allen's (of Lincoln) Assembly bill 120, to regulate freights and fares. (The Lewis bill). Yeas and noes called on motion to lay on the table. Lost. Yeas 11, noes 13.

Mr. Powning moved to make the bill special order for to-morrow at 1 p. m. Lost. Yeas 3, noes 21.

Mr. King moved to indefinitely postpone. A long discussion then ensued pro and con as to the unconstitutionality of this bill.

Leave granted to take up out of order message from the Governor, announcing his approval of the following Senate bills: 169, appropriating \$10,000 for sufferers from the Reno fire; also 58, for the purchase of Hawley's Digest and Sawyer's Reports; also, 92, to amend the Act relative to crimes and punishments; also, 118, to admit to probate the will of John Larcombe; also, to punish incendiaries; also a communication from the Postmaster General relative to the Wadsworth and Grantsville mail route, that a temporary contract had been made; also recommending the Legislature to take into consideration Senate bill 141 (Powning's bill) to prevent discrimination by the C. P. R. R., as in His Excellency's opinion it was one of the best that had been introduced this session.

The Lewis bill was then read.

Mr. Haines introduced a substitute bill which was read. This bill proposes to make the rates on the C. P. R. R. two cents above the present rate, and on local roads 17 cents, allowing for passengers more than is now charged.

The apparent absurdities of the measure caused a general laugh. Mr. Westerfield moved to make both bills the special order for to-morrow at 2 p. m. Carried. Yeas 14; noes 10.

Adjournd at 10 p. m.

### Assembly—Fifty-seventh Day.

Convened at 10:30 a. m. Speaker Gaston in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Mr. McLain.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

By Plummer, from Committee on Claims, recommending allowance by resolution of \$500 to ex-State Controller for copying his report.

By Ferguson, from Committee on Public Lands, favorably Assembly bill 121, to tax the sale of liquors.

By Underwood, from Committee on State Institutions, favorably, Senate bill 145, providing for recordation of State contracts.

### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Allen, of Lincoln—To place the Whitford and Putnam relief bills on file. Carried.

By Shakespeare—To reconsider the vote on Assembly bill 131, amending the civil practice Act. Carried.

By Gaston—A joint resolution praying, not only our own Senator and Representatives but all patriotic and true men in Congress to pass a bill prohibiting all the lower and meaner classes of Chinese from landing on our shores, except in cases of distress by shipwreck, or for purposes of education and mercantile trade, and that the passage of such a bill be urged with such energy that it may become a law notwithstanding any objection by the President, and that the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the presiding officers of both Houses of Congress.

Passed: Yeas 42, noes 2.

By Shakespeare—To pay Mr. Cavanaugh for services as porter during the 9th session. Referred to Committee on Contingent Expenses.

### BILLS INTRODUCED.

Senate bill 166—To fix the salary of District Attorney of Eureka county. Under suspension of rules passed.

Senate bill 169—To appropriate \$10,000 for the immediate relief of those rendered destitute by the Reno fire, on March 2nd, 1879. Under suspension of the rules passed. Yeas 45, noes 1. The Speaker voting in the negative, who explained that while his heartfelt sympathy was with the sufferers, he did not believe in taking money from the State for their relief.

Senate bill 142—Concerning the insane of this State. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

Senate bill 162—To authorize the transfer of money from the General Fund to the Library Fund of the State. Under suspension of rules passed.

Senate bill 107—So amend the Act creating Boards of County Commissioners. Placed on file.

### GENERAL FILE.

Assembly bill 71—To provide a supply of water for the Capitol and State Orphans' Home. Amended reducing the appropriation to \$5,000 and passed unanimously.

Assembly bill 136—To prevent the unauthorized use of work animals. Passed.

Assembly bill 114—To prevent fraud in the manufacture or sale of articles of spurious jewelry. Passed.

Recessed for one hour.

At 1:15 the House took up the special order, viz: Senate bill 128, relative to back taxes and penalties of mining companies. Bill passed—yeas, 31; noes, 18.

Assembly bill 107—To amend the Revenue Act by requiring a \$50 per month license. Lost—yeas, 14; noes, 29.

Assembly bill 122—To require the retention of hides of slaughtered animals thirty days after killing. Passed.

Senate bill 111, Substitute for Fraser's Assembly bill 63—Authorizing employment of criminals. Passed.

In Committee of the Whole, Speaker pro tem, in the chair, for consideration of bills so referred.

Assembly bill 31, relative to railroads in this State, and also Assembly bills 112 and 133, to the same effect, made the special order for 7 o'clock p. m. on recommendation of the Committee; also Senate bill 131, in relation to apprentices, favorably; also that Assembly bill to discontinue litigation in certain cases be laid on the table, same bill having been passed in the Senate; also favorably Senate bill 142, relative to the Insane of the State; also Assembly bill 83, to amend the Revenue Act, laid on the table; also Senate bill 82, fixing salaries of county officers, favorably; also Assembly bill 54, providing for deficiency in Secretary of State's office, favorably; also Senate bill 140, for the collection of debts under \$25, favorably.

Committee then rose and reported as instructed.

Recess till 7 o'clock p. m.

### EVENING SESSION.

Reconvened at 7 p. m. Speaker presiding. The special order being the consideration of several railroad bills, Allen of Lincoln moved a postponement until to-morrow at 1 p. m. Carried.

Comins' Senate Bill To create a current expense fund in White Pine county. Passed.

Senate bill To amend the election law by making some officer not a candidate custodian of election returns. Passed.

Senate bill 73 To authorize the issue of bonds for building a jail in Elko county. Passed.

Senate bill 52 To provide for registration of voters in case of death of agent. Passed.

Assembly bill 38 To amend the Civil Practice Act. Laid on the table.

Assembly bill To regulate the price of water, was made the special order for to-morrow at 2 p. m.

Adjournd at 8:25 p. m.

REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—On Saturday night at Virginia City the Republican State Central Committee met as per notice of Secretary Doten, and elected Mr. Isaac L. Requa as permanent Chairman and Mr. George A. King Treasurer. The membership heretofore held by Mr. George I. Lammon was decided to be one in excess of the number provided for by the State Convention, and so he was dropped from the list.

Mr. Peter Marker of Washoe county was duly elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Thompson. Some movement was set on foot to raise money to liquidate the indebtedness of the Committee—Chairman Requa generously contributing \$100 and Treasurer King giving \$25. Mr. Doten said that \$1,000 would square up everything. Committee adjourned subject to calling of the Chair.

THERE is an uncalled-for dispatch at the Western Union Telegraph office for Jenny Leavin.

### N. THORSON,

AGENT FOR CLOTH, OF SAN FRANCISCO,

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Low Back, the shirt Manufacturer, February 21, 1879.